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## Arguello to play in Central American Games

*Bryant Tennis captain Ernesto Arguello '15 was asked to represent Nicaragua*

By Kelsey Nowak  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Ernesto Arguello is not only a fantastic tennis player but one of the most humble people at Bryant. He received a phone call a few weeks ago from Esteban Bedaña, the President of the Nicaraguan Tennis Federation, asking him to represent Nicaragua, his home country, in the 2013 games that will take place March 10th – March 17th in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Ernesto will be competing against players from the six other Central American countries. Each country is allowed to bring its four best players but there are certain qualifications for a player to be chosen for this prestigious honor. The selection process requires players to be ranked in the highest level of play in their country and also be in good standing at their university, if applicable. Ernesto not only meets the requirements for good standing at Bryant University,

but he goes beyond the Central American Games' standards. Ernesto has never been just a student-athlete. He is also a peer tutor of accounting in the Academic Center for Excellence and a large supporter of the many other Bryant D1 athletics.

The Central American Games will be the largest multi-sport event organized in Costa Rica to date. Some of the other sports played at the games include football, softball, swimming, roller speed skating, gymnastics, baseball, bodybuilding, and fencing. There are thirty-one events in total and the award system is quite similar to the Olympics in that gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded. Ernesto and all of the other tennis players will be competing in the Tenis del Parque de La Paz in San Jose.

The arrangement of the tennis portion of the Central American games is similar to a university match between two



Ernesto shown above clenching a match in 2011 for the Bryant Bulldogs. (Bryant Athletics)

'Hard work pays off' on page 9

## Men's basketball ends with a valiant effort

*A recap of the Bulldog's quarter final loss in their first NEC playoff bid*

By Justin Beaucage  
*Sports Editor*

With one of the most surprising turnarounds in NEC history, Bryant Men's basketball has captured the attention of Bulldog fans and alumni all year long. After a disappointing 2011 campaign, the Bulldogs had worked hard all offseason to bring excitement back to the court. In their first year of eligibility, they exceeded expectations, earning their first ever trip to the postseason in Division 1 action. Captivated by jaw-dropping dunks, drives to the fast lane, and tenacious defense, the Bulldogs really kept fans on the edge of their seats, and played to proudly representing Bryant University. However, all great things must come to an end.

The Bulldogs lost a heart-breaking game to Mount St. Mary's, 75-69, in their first ever playoff game in Division 1 basketball. Every player played like it was their last game, giving it their all for 40 minutes on the court. Forward Alex Francis led the team with 21 points, and snagged eight rebounds. In the last game of his Bulldog career, guard Frankie Dobbs scored 10 points, including shooting fifty percent from three point range. However, Mount's offense, which included shooting over 90 percent from the free throw line, was too much for the Bulldogs.

At halftime, the crowd changed their shirts from black to white, to do something special for the team's first playoff game. They hoped it would give the Bulldogs the momentum they needed. Even though the Bulldogs had a seven point advantage at halftime, Mount St. Mary's outscored Bryant by nearly 13 points in the second half. The Bulldogs started to mount a comeback with less than five minutes left in the game, but it was a little too late. With some clutch free-throws as the clock was winding down, Mount was able to hold off the Bulldogs, and upset Bryant in the NEC quarter finals.

This loss is a tough one to swallow for Bulldog nation, but no one can take anything away from what Bryant has been able to accomplish. Not only is their surprise turnaround one of the best ones in school history, but the Bulldogs have established themselves as an up-and-coming powerhouse in the NEC. The team was an offensive juggernaut all year long, scoring 74 points per game, and knocking down 48 percent of their shots. The Bulldogs took pride in locking down teams all season, only allowing 71 points per game.

Not only has the team improved statistically, but they have brought together an entire Bryant community. In their first season of postseason eligibility, they have swept and surprised the nation off their feet, and made themselves into quite impressive defenders. They have gained regional and national recognition from the sports world as a surprise team from a small school in the northeast. The



Dobbs take the ball to the hoop in his last game as a Bulldog. (Bryant Athletics)

team has brought together students, faculty, and alumni to root for the Black and Gold. The Bulldogs have put together a team that we can be proud to root for.

Bryant's season may have ended sooner than expected, but this is the first step in the right direction. It might have been our first postseason appearance, but it certainly won't be the team's last. With leading scorer Dyami Starks and forward Alex Francis both returning, this team could easily be back in the NEC tournament next year. In addition, junior Corey Maynard and sophomore Joe O'Shea will see more action on the court next season. Each of them averaged 9 points per game this year and will play key roles in the Bulldog's second NEC tournament run. All the success the team has had has gained them national recognition, which will play a big part in recruiting also.

This March has certainly been madness for the Bulldogs. Despite the tough loss, the sky is the limit for this team, and we haven't seen the last of Bryant winning. Again, huge congratulations to Bryant Men's basketball on a phenomenal season, and we could not be more proud of a team. The Bryant Bulldogs will take this loss, and use it to be the king of the NEC next season.



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**Campus Calendar**

March	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Have a Great Spring Break,  
everyone!

**Bulldog Bulletin**

- The Archway:** Writers' Meetings, Mondays 4:30pm, Bryant Center Room 2A/B
- Bryant Pride:** Thursday, 5:30pm, Heritage
- Bryant Players:** Tuesday, 5pm, Bello 214
- SPB:** Monday, 4:30pm, South Dining Hall

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**Department of Public Safety Log**

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered)  
FEB 24 2013-Sunday at 23:53

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: DPS received a report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital by the Smithfield Rescue.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered)

FEB 24 2013-Sunday at 02:09

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: DPS received a report of a person who had fallen and had a head injury. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital by the Smithfield Rescue.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered)

FEB 24 2013-Sunday at 03:33

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: DPS received a report of two intoxicated males. EMS was activated. Both were transported to Fatima Hospital by the Smithfield Rescue.

**VANDALISM**

FEB 24 2013-Sunday at 07:44

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A Custodial staff member reported that a door in a Residence Hall had the crash bar broken off.

**LARCENY**

FEB 24 2013-Sunday at 11:00

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A student reported a theft from a Residence Hall suite. A list of missing items is being created.

**ACCIDENT (Motor Vehicle Accident)**

FEB 26 2013-Tuesday at 19:15

Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT

Summary: DPS received a report of a parked vehicle being damaged in the Commuter lot.

**LARCENY**

FEB 27 2013-Wednesday at 15:40

Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM / MAC

Summary: A student reported his Bryant room key stolen from the Wellness Center.

**LARCENY**

FEB 28 2013-Thursday at 15:45

Location: UNISTRUCUTURE

Summary: A student reported a stolen laptop from his backpack.

**LARCENY**

MAR 1 2013-Friday at 11:10

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A student reported her iPhone had been stolen.

**DISORDERLY (Disturbance)**

MAR 1 2013-Friday at 23:30

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: A large gathering was broken up by DPS Officers.

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

MAR 3 2013-Sunday at 00:18

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: An RA reported an assault on a guest. DPS officers were dispatched.

**VANDALISM (School Building)**

MAR 3 2013-Sunday at 02:08

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A report of a mirror being pulled from the wall and broken in a Residence hall.

**BIAS INCIDENTS None Reported**

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Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person's real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

**Want to get involved in *The Archway*?**

**Come to Bryant Center room 2A on Mondays at 4:30pm!**

# Study Abroad Spotlight

## Rahul Wadhvani

Class of: 2013

University: University of Westminster

Location: London, England

Semester Abroad: Fall 2011

Duration: 3 Months

• **Reason for going:** I have always wanted to study in London and as an International Business Student it is part of my degree requirement to study abroad. It was therefore the perfect opportunity to go to London.

• **Best experience/memory:** I am a huge soccer fan and so one of my best experiences was watching my favorite soccer team (Chelsea Fc) play at their home ground in London. It was a dream come true.

• **Funny cultural experience:** It was my second day in London. I was at an orientation and wanted to go to the "toilet" (restroom), so I asked the lady at the door where to go and she said to the first floor. I made my way down the steep and narrow staircases to the ground floor. No restroom to be seen. Luckily there was a guy there so I asked him for the restroom, and he said first floor as well. I was confused because I was on the first floor. Later on I found out first floor in London is not the ground floor. It is actually the first floor of the building.

• **How was the school different from Bryant University?**

My university in London had 4 different campuses and so it was much bigger than Bryant. The classes also were bigger with about 150 students and for each class I had a lecture and a seminar. Lectures were like normal class and seminars were broken into smaller groups, and we had to discuss the topics we were learning about.

• **How did this experience change you?**

This experience made me appreciate a lot of the things I have here at Bryant. It also helped me gain a more "global" understanding of the world and different cultures.

• **Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?** Yes I would absolutely love to go back. I had a great experience abroad and recommend everyone to take this opportunity to go abroad.

*Please send submissions to [saoffice@bryant.edu](mailto:saoffice@bryant.edu)*



Natalie Donoyan, Class of 2013, is a very involved student on campus and not just as a leader, but someone who is focused on making connections with her peers, staff, and faculty on Bryant's campus. Her efforts, since her sophomore year, in the Community Service Office have truly kept the office up and running. Because she was the community service leader in the transition of staff members in the office it is as if Natalie has been training the new staff member and teaching her what she knows. Without Natalie staying through the transition and being so passionate the CSO might not be as active and as well-known as it is today.

Natalie is also involved in other clubs and organizations on campus as well. Two of the other clubs she is very active in are her role as President of the Commuter Connection and her role as a Student Ambassador. Those are the current organizations she is participates in, but in the past she was part of Bryant Singers, Enactus (formerly known as SIFE), Bulldog Leader, and Colleges against Cancer.

Now as a senior she has cut down her activities to focus on community service and helping those in their daily lives. Natalie is also part of the Bryant Senior Advisory Council that meets with President Machtley and other administration here at Bryant.

In the future Natalie hopes to continue with her community service and work



for a company that is either non-profit or a for-profit company that will put her in charge of event planning and community service. As a marketing and management double major she also has a passion for event planning. Her dream job one day would be involved with project development, or some type of interactive event planning.

One of Natalie's favorite accomplishments would be the award she received her sophomore year at the Center for Student Involvement Recognition Banquet. There she received the Sophomore Developing Leader Award. This award is given to recognize a sophomore student leader who exemplifies what it means to be a developing leader at Bryant and has made a positive impact on the Bryant Community. Natalie is truly a

leader and considers herself a mentor now as a senior to her fellow commuters and to the members of the Community Service Office.

Natalie has a passion for life, and if you ever see her with her phone in front of her face you can tell that she is taking a photo to upload to instagram. She might have the most photos on her page and she would even consider herself "obsessed" with the app. Until she graduates Natalie will always be a very active student leader, and her goal for the CSO is to always put her best foot forward in what she does, reach out to orgs for service, and to bring more awareness to the CSO. Natalie is unique and that is what makes her so great at the leadership positions she is put into.



Clubs, organizations, and other members of the Bryant Center! In the next couple of months something very important is going to be happening, moving out. The moment has finally come when everyone needs to start thinking about what they want to keep, what needs to be packed up for storage, and for SPB where they are going to keep that large Bingo Machine. This past Wednesday boxes were delivered for clubs and organizations to pick up, and each club is urged to only use 10 boxes to store their items. For the items that need to be thrown away, there will be large bins on the 3rd floor for you to throw away your papers, leftover decorations, and even those sombrero hats you have been keeping for 10 years.

The official move out date for the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center is April 30th, so make sure that everything is packed away and ready to go before that date. Labels and other materials will be given to clubs/orgs so when move-in happens in September no items are lost. Although this will be a long and hard process, the benefits will be more than worth it in the end. So let's get ready for a new Bryant Center!

Senate Allocations have come to a close this past week, it was a long process for both the clubs and for Student Senate but another year of budgets has come to a close. If you have any questions about the Senate allocation process or anything else that involves budgets, such as RAFs, contact Margaret Wong at [mwong4@bryant.edu](mailto:mwong4@bryant.edu).

Interested in joining Student Senate then you are in luck! We will be having special election packets available for open positions on Senate. We are looking to fill spots on the classes of 2015, 2014, and 2013. Look out for tweets and updates on when those packets will be available. If you are interested and would like a packet emailed to you contact [rbassett1@bryant.edu](mailto:rbassett1@bryant.edu) for a packet or more information on the election process. Also election packets for Senate E-board and Legislative Body will be available March 18th, the day we get back from Spring Break, so look out for those.

If you have any other questions about Student Senate, clubs/organizations, or any other concerns you can tweet @BryantUSenate or Email us at [Senate@bryant.edu](mailto:Senate@bryant.edu). We also have our weekly meetings at 4pm in Papitto on Wednesdays, so if you have any announcements or concerns you can join us during our meetings. Also, our office on the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center is always open to the students, so stop by and say hi!

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**\*\*Archway on Air at 7pm Thursdays!\*\***



## Tupper's Tidbits

### Top Five Things That Fascinate Me

Iron Clad Tupper I



**What? This ball? No, you may not have it back. I have claimed it with my drool.**

(Christina Senecal)

Anyone who's spent a little time with me knows that, like all people, I have some quirks.

What do you mean I'm not a people? Of course I am! I eat home-cooked turkey and veggies for noms, I have seasonal allergies, and I sit in people chairs...what else could I possibly be?

Anyway, as a DOG (I still dispute this statement), Momma is constantly on the lookout for how I interact with humans and other animals.

If you've spent any time with me, you may have noticed some of these behaviors yourself. I present to you "Tupper's Top Five Things That Fascinate Me":

5. **MY PILLOW!** I got this pillow at home. I call her, "Fluffy." We cuddle and stuff. And that's all I'm gonna say about that.

4. **WOBBLING OBJECTS!** Anything like pom-poms hanging from shoes, hats, belts, or jackets. When I see them, I POUNCE! Not to harm or destroy, of course...I just want to play. Maybe I'm fascinated because I lost my own danglies when I was six months old. Woke up one day, and POOF! They were gone!

3. **MY BALL!** I do NOT get tired of this. People often ask, "Does Tupper ever NOT have a ball in his mouth?" The answer is, "Yes! I am only allowed the ball when we go out to Bryant, because I have this little stubborn streak, and the only way my Momma can get me to move

is to show me the ball!" Also, it's like a pacifier. It keeps me centered. The trick to training any dog is to find what motivates them. Success!

2. **STUFFED ANIMALS!** I'm a bulldog...we nuzzle or suckle on them. No, it's not because I was pulled away from my dog momma too soon. No one really knows why, although there's a lot of speculation. The general consensus is that we all seem to get comfort from doing it. Hey, we're pretty low maintenance...we even calm ourselves! Want to see me in action? Go to YouTube and do a search on "tootssaw3." I have my own channel.

And the number one thing that mesmerizes me:

1. **FOOD!** It could be a rice cake or real cake. Steak, chicken, or fish. Hot dogs, bacon, or popcorn. The second I see, smell, or hear food (well, the packaging opening), I go running toward it. The drool, like a faucet being turned on, falls at a steady stream. I will walk over hot coals, run through the ocean, or shimmy under car to get to that food. Momma says, "no," a lot. That makes me bark.

So there you have it. Tupper's Top Five Things That Fascinate Me. Don't forget - I'm on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/bulldogtupper](http://www.facebook.com/bulldogtupper)) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/bryanttuppy>). Get at me! 'Til next time...WOOF!

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**\*\*\* No experience necessary\*\*\***

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## Turner's Thoughts

### Fun with healthy foods!



By Debbie Turner

Registered Dietician for  
Bryant University Dining

**Fun with Folate:** Broccoli, Kale, Spinach, sunflower seeds, oranges, melons, and fortified whole grains. Why? Part of the B-vitamin family, Folate is responsible for cell division and blood cell production. Low levels of folate have been associated with depression, fatigue, and anemia.

**Boost your B's:** Bananas, chicken, garlic, Brussels sprouts, red peppers, avocados, watermelon and potatoes. Why? They carry oxygen to your tissues for repair and maintenance, converts carbohydrates to energy, and also aids with protein metabolism for immune and muscle stability. Low levels have been related to headaches, depression, and inability to shake a bug.

**Go Carbs! The good ones that is:** Whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Why? This food group provides the body and brain with prolonged energy, fiber, and nutrients that keep your performance top notch. Good quality carbohydrates also trigger serotonin, recognized as the "happy hormone". This hormone directly affects our mood and sleep: good Carbs = good mood, good sleep; bad Carbs = bad mood, sugar spikes, sugar crashes, and poor sleep.

**Fight back with Omega-Fats:** Nuts, seeds and fish. Why? Omega-3 fats have too much to report. But among others, Omega-3's maintain healthy brain and eye function, improve inflammation of joints, and keep skin looking its best



## Managable Meals

### Chocolate brownies

By Jessica Kline

HerCampus Writer

Makes 1- 8 inch square dish..but who cares, it's delicious!

#### Ingredients:

- 16 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts

#### Directions:

- Line an 8x8 inch square dish with aluminum foil.
- Chop chocolate and place in a large, microwave safe bowl with condensed milk. Microwave on high, stirring once or twice until chocolate is soft, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from oven and stir until completely smooth. Stir in vanilla and walnuts. Spread in prepared pan.
- Refrigerate 2 hours, until firm. Cut into squares.

For the full article, see <http://www.hercampus.com/school/bryant/7-dorm-room-desserts-you-have-make-week> online!

## Biz Snipz

By John Zeiner  
Business Editor

- Former Venezuelan President, Hugo Chavez, died Tuesday in Caracas at age 58, two years after he was first diagnosed with cancer. He was a former paratroop commander and a self-proclaimed subversive who continually battled for his socialist ideals. Chavez led one coup attempt, defeated another, and was re-elected three times. He rose from poverty and became a "humble soldier" in the battle for socialism. He molded himself after 19th century independence leader Simon Bolivar. Over the 14 years he was in office he won admiration among the poor with government social programs and a nationalistic style. Chavez used his country's oil wealth to create state-run food markets, new public housing, free health clinics and education programs.
- The Dow Jones industrial average closed at a record high, breaking through levels last seen in 2007. Signs of a strengthening economy, continued support from the Federal Reserve, and attractive valuations compared to other assets have improved the Dow nearly 9 percent this year. Significant economic activity in the services sector is the latest indication of improving demand. The economy is still expanding, improving despite the "sequester" and political turmoil in Europe.
- The United States and China have reached a deal that significantly increases U.N. sanctions on North Korea for its third nuclear test. Consequently, North Korea responded by issuing a threat to get rid of the armistice that ended the Korean War. These new proposed measures would ban the sale to Pyongyang of items sought after by North Korea's elite, such as racing cars and yachts. Furthermore they are aiming to make it more difficult for them to move funds around the world. These sanctions are put into place hoping it will impede the ability of North Korea to develop further nuclear missile programs. There are 17 North Korea entities, including banks and trading companies, on the U.N. blacklist of which nine are linked to these programs. U.N. diplomats say many more entities and individuals could be subject to international asset freezes and travel bans.

# BP oil spill trial ongoing

By Nicholas Calabro  
Staff Writer

Some had believed that the stakes were too high for this day to come, but after almost three full years, the time has come for BP to go on trial. To briefly recap, one of BP's oil rigs exploded in mid-2010, spilling barrel after barrel of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, for about three months. They have since tried to repair their image, but that hasn't seemed to work. And so, it is time for the question of liability to be answered.

As reported by the Financial Times, "the plaintiffs aim to show that pressure from senior management to hold down costs led to BP staff cutting corners on the Macondo well." And while Mr. Hayward has admitted to the cost-cutting he also claims that there was still an emphasis on safe and reliable operations. And before the trial had started, there had been talks of a possible settlement involving state and federal claims; in fact one might still be possible. But former environmental lawyer David Uhlman has said, "Settlements require compromise, and trials are not at all about compromise. Once you get into litigation, positions tend to harden".

Again, the trial is just getting started, with three more months of arguing about the causes of the accident, according to the Financial Times. By the nature of this maritime case there is also no jury and few precedents which will make the decision harder for the presiding judge Carl Barbier. The Financial Times also states that nothing about these early stages indicates that BP has made a mistake with going to

trial; though the lead lawyer for the Justice Department, Michael Underhill, has said he will go further to prove willful misconduct, instead of just gross negligence.

Specific testimony had included Bob Bea saying that management "knowingly ignored process safety and risk management for deepwater exploration wells". Also Alan Huffman declared that BP's decision to go further than 18,220 feet, with fragile rock around the well was, "beyond imprudent. It was unsafe and dangerous". And BP's former vice president for drilling and completing wells in the Gulf of Mexico, Kevin Lacy, has said "I was never given a directive to cut corners or to deliver something not safely, but there was tremendous pressure on costs".

However, the Financial Times also reports something in BP's favor. The general public has apparently lost interest, (much easier to find a seat on Thursday than on Monday when it started). According to The Financial Times, uncertainty actually came from how the evidence would be seen by the media instead of the evidence itself, not to mention the best evidence probably would have come out first. As with most trials, the plaintiffs will make their case first, then BP will make its response.

The Financial Times has stated that both sides are apparently pretty strong in the early going. Also, whether the Judge rules willful misconduct or gross negligence, as opposed to their admitted ordinary negligence, BP would still be subject to penalties under the Clean Water Act as well as punitive damages in the billions. Also no matter which one, we will have to put our own personal feelings aside and accept the decisions of the legal system.

## Building of desalination plant

By John Zeiner  
Business Editor

The Agua Hedionda Lagoon in Carlsbad, California is the projected site for a new desalination plant. In three years, if everything goes as planned, saltwater will be pulled into an entryway which will then emerge as a part of the regional water supply. The project's developers call it the newest and largest seawater desalination plant in the Western Hemisphere.

Large-Scale desalination was a vision of President John F. Kennedy's that has remained futuristic for over half a century in North America, despite production of sizeable plants in regions like the Middle East and Singapore. The industry's goal is that the \$1 billion Carlsbad Plant will show that desalination is not energy insufficient and environmentally damaging, but an affordable and reliable technology.

However, the plant will not just be watched for its effect on marine environment or performance, but its financial architecture. This is following the delayed opening of the Tampa plant due to technological missteps, delays, and bankruptcies which was a "buzz kill for the sector", according to David Moore, managing director of

Clean Energy Capital. The progression and expected degree of success of the Carlsbad will have a direct influence on the pending proposals for more than a dozen other plants.

The San Diego County Water Authority has agreed to buy at least 48,000 acre-feet of water from the plant each year for about \$2,000 per acre-foot. Each acre-foot equals about 326,000 gallons of water, roughly the amount that can sustain two families of four for a year.

The authority has made a long-term bet that the costs of the water – which is double the most readily available alternatives – will be competitive in the future. It is estimated that the desalinated water could be cheaper than current water supply by 2024.

Although presently the costs of production are not consumer friendly, it is a groundbreaking technology of the future. It is especially important to the Southern California region that will experience cuts in their sources from Northern California transfers and Colorado River diversions, pending expected climate change.

The Carlsbad plant is expected to be able to supply as much as 7 percent of the region's water needs. This project is in part due to efforts of diversification in water resources.

## Michael Roberto's Blog: Ron Johnson's Three Mistakes at JC Penney



By Professor Michael Roberto  
Faculty Staff Writer

The turnaround at JC Penney has definitely not transpired as CEO Ron Johnson expected. Sales have plummeted, the firm has reported huge losses, and the company's cash position has deteriorated. Johnson came on board just a short time ago to much fanfare. He enjoyed a successful career at Target, and then he had launched Apple's retail stores with Steve Jobs. He came to JC Penney with high hopes of engineering a major turnaround. He announced a major new pricing strategy and plans for changes in the layout/design of the stores. Customers didn't flock to his stores; they fled. The stock has taken a beating lately.

What went wrong? I think Johnson made three major mistakes:

1. He changed the pricing strategy BEFORE changing the merchandising strategy. He wanted to move toward an everyday low pricing strategy, and away from constant discounting. However, he needed to change the merchandising and store design strategies FIRST before

he could try to do away with promotions and discounting. Johnson needed to create a different shopping experience, and then having done that, he could have perhaps persuaded customers to shop without waiting for discounts and sales.

2. He did not manage expectations well. He was hired with great fanfare. He talked boldly of a new strategy for the retailer. Perhaps he should have remembered the old adage: under-promise and over-deliver.

3. He didn't recognize the difficulty involved when trying to change ingrained habits. His customers were very accustomed to shopping in a certain way. Asking them to shop in an entirely different manner, almost overnight, would be too much of a shock. At the same time, he didn't have the new merchandising strategy in place that might attract different customers to his stores. Habits die hard. The firm learned a hard lesson there.

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# European bankers to see bonuses cut

By John Zeiner  
Business Editor

As Europe is pushing to cap bankers' bonuses, they seem to be a step or two ahead of the rule makers. This European proposal could prove to be catastrophic to the global financial industry due to a step that bankers are calling disastrous. The argument is that if these changes are put into place the brightest financial minds of Europe would leave and head to New York or Hong Kong when they are needed most. Whilst these proposals may be considered harsh, especially in London, bankers are already talking about ways to get around them.

This controversy is centered on the retooling pay practices and capping employee compensation that big banks have already been engaging in. This is an effort to bolster share prices and profit. As per usual, with new rules and regulations that follow financial crises there are added and unintended consequences. The proposal, reached early Thursday morning under agreement of the European Union, could mean that, starting next year, the coveted bonuses that many bankers covet across the block will not exceed the level of their annual salary. However, financial firms would have the freedom to provide payments up to double annual salary pending approval from shareholders. In addition, if bonuses surpass

salaries, a quarter of that payment must be deferred for five years.

The rationale behind the rule is to limit the high risk, high reward behavior of bankers that contributed to the global financial crisis. This goes hand in hand with the significant support that many financial firms receive from their respective governments. Minimal government involvement in these firms could help curb the possibility of another economic meltdown.

European Bankers say the rules will prompt top talent to take off to less restrictive regions while other say they will simply find other ways around the rules. Analysts predict that lower bonuses will be offset by higher fixed salaries which will be more burdensome because bonuses are easier to adjust from year to year. Furthermore, higher annual salaries will make it harder to retract bonuses for poor trades or violations.

Currently they are often paid for I-stock which can be taken back more easily. In addition, fixed salaries may not be in the best interest of large banks because traditionally they have used bonuses as incentive for diligent and successful work throughout the year. In conclusion, if they were to use these stipulations the back bone of the financial industry in Europe would be broken. Hard work will no longer be the foundation of the industry, causing global suffering.

# Groupon CEO fired after poor performance

By John Zeiner  
Business Editor



Andrew Mason, founder of the daily deal sensation Groupon, was dismissed from his Chief Executive position. This administrative move came the day after they reported weak fourth-quarter earnings that subsequently caused the company to lose a quarter of their value. In typical Mason fashion, he wrote: "after four and a half intense and wonderful years as CEO of Groupon, I've decided that I'd like to spend more time with my family. Just kidding - I was fired today." To put even more of a damper on things, the company has reported that they are expecting first-quarter revenue to be about 10 percent lower than expected.

From the start, Mason was never solely focused on becoming incredibly wealthy nor creating a huge company. Groupon was founded off another start-up, the Point, whose main priority was to encourage charitable actions by groups. Nevertheless, it was certainly not the first of its kind. Silicon Valley start-ups have tried many forms of deal sites, but Groupon was the first to be successful. People were sent e-mails of offers, for example, a deal at a local restaurant. If they bought it, they got a bargain, Groupon got a commission and the restaurant won new patrons.

After two years, Mason turned down a reported \$6 billion offer from Google. Groupon's initial public offering, in late 2011, valued the company at \$16.5 billion and was the most talked-about tech debut between Google and Facebook. Unfortunately, competition intensified, the criticism began, and the stock struggled. Their current market value is only \$2.97 billion, a mere sliver of the IPO.

A Groupon analyst stated that the new CEO "will have to refocus the company on the most productive markets with the most productive sales people". Furthermore, he added, "Groupon needs to give up on the grand vision of becoming an operating system for local commerce and instead be the best daily deals provider it can be." However, the No. 2 company, LivingSocial, is in worse shape than Groupon. As the number of digital coupon users in the United States continues to rise, the more unsatisfied merchants become. Additionally, these merchants have garnered significant attention for complaining how very successful deals led them to near financial ruin.

Andrew Mason's goodbye letter follows in the footsteps of a former Yahoo chief executive who sent an e-mail to their employees. Conversely, his letter was very well received on Twitter, with people applauding his honesty and sense of humor.

# Apple loses title

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Apple's most recent stock weakness on Monday cost the tech giant its title of most valuable U.S. company in terms of market capitalization.

In Monday's trading session on Wall Street, Apple Inc. shares dropped 2.4 percent to about \$420, giving the company a market capitalization — the total value of all available shares — of \$394 billion. Shares of Exxon Mobil Corp. fell 0.5 percent to \$88.95, but the oil giant still managed to overtake Apple with a market cap of \$400.5 billion.

Apple fell as low as \$419 to establish a 52-week low before closing slightly higher, and the company's market cap sank lower than \$400 billion for the first time since the company's record-breaking holiday quarter at the end of 2011 first vaulted it to the title over Exxon. Apple then went on a wild ride that gave it the highest market cap of any U.S. company in history, without adjusting for inflation, as its stock price rose as high as \$705.07.

Since hitting that peak on Sept. 21 — the day the iPhone 5 was released in the United

States — shares have been in a nose-dive amid worries about Apple's production capabilities and doubts about its ability to continue to innovate beyond its current product lineup. Apple's announcement of more record-breaking revenues in the 2012 holiday quarter were not enough to quell doubts, and Exxon overtook Apple for a day in January immediately following that earnings report.

Apple regained its title in the next trading session and has retained it since, but another bout of weakness pushed the oil giant back in front Monday. From the end of trading Feb. 22 through Monday, Apple stock has declined almost 7 percent after an investor lawsuit that affected last week's annual shareholders meeting and a ruling Friday that nearly halved the gigantic patent-infringement judgment it won in a landmark court battle with Samsung.

Analysts still believe Apple will rebound, with 54 analysts tracked by MarketWatch offering an average price target of \$619.14, and only one of those analysts putting a "Sell" or equivalent rating on the stock.

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## Revenge is sweet - women's basketball wins against RMU to earn playoff berth

By Justin Beaucage  
Sports Editor

With all the success for the men's basketball team, it has been tough for other Bulldog squads to win over the spotlight. However, with a heartbreaking loss for the men last Thursday, the women came in on Monday night and backed up their fellow team. Not only were they playing for a little bit of payback against RMU, but they were fighting for a playoff berth and a Cinderella season of their own.

On Monday night, the Bulldogs came together strong and defeated Robert Morris at the Chase Center in a thrilling 61-56 victory. With the victory, the team has captured the eighth seed in the NEC Tournament, and earned their first trip to the contest in its first season of post season eligibility. The Bulldogs weren't going to let the Colonials stun them in two big games. Led by guard Katie Whittington's team-high 21 points, the team was able to avenge the men's loss, and begin some post-season fun of their own.

The Bulldogs didn't make it easy to win their playoff berth, as they kept fans on the edge of their seats throughout. In the first half, the team found themselves in an early hole, only shooting 37 percent from the field to Robert Morris' 44 percent.

The Colonials were deadly early from long range, shooting 50 percent from beyond the arc in the opening half. However, Bryant was able to stay within striking distance. Guard Danielle Douglas made her impact known early, shooting 5-7 with a team-high 11 points in the first half. Despite Robert Morris' early advantages, heading into the locker room, the Bulldogs only found themselves trailing by a mere five points.

With their playoff dreams possibly in danger, the team came out with a completely different mindset, ready to fight for their season. However, Robert Morris had intentions of keeping Bryant out of the tournament. In just the opening ticks of the second half the Pioneers took a 33-24 lead. The Bulldogs weren't ready to let their season fall through their hands though. The Bulldogs began to battle back, and quickly dug themselves out of the hole by going on a 21-11 run. The scoring frenzy included a pair of clutch threes from Whittington.

After each team exchanged



Senior guard Katie Whittington led the team with 21 points (MCT Campus)

a few scoring possessions, the Colonials scored two straight buckets to take a four point lead with just under three minutes left. However, Whittington made one of the biggest plays of the season, stealing the ball and finishing on a fast-break layup bringing the team within just one score. Guard Brenna Rucker tied the game with a bucket of her own. After the Colonials took a two-point lead with less than a minute to go, Whittington came up with two clutch free throws to tie the game at 52. With double zeroes on the clock, fans were going to be treated with extra basketball.

With just fifteen seconds left on the clock, and down by

a point, Whittington drove to the lane and scored on a clutch layup to give Bryant the lead in overtime. In the extra period, the Bulldogs' defense was able to close out the game with critical stops. Douglas intercepted a pass, and followed the opportunistic play with two free-throws. With only five seconds left in the game, the Bulldogs had a three point lead, and the post season was in sight. After yet another defensive stop, Douglas hit two more shots from the line, and the Bulldogs began to celebrate, as they defeated Robert Morris 61-56 in nail-biting fashion.

In one of the biggest games in their history, the Bulldogs earned

a trip to the NEC tournament in their first season of playoff eligibility. Whittington and Douglas each scored over 20 points. Douglas contributed in every way possible, as she added four rebounds, four assists, and three steals. Forward Naana Ankoma-Mensu's domination on the board was a key reason for the Bulldogs' victory. Mensu's sensational 14 rebounds not only helped them set the tone, but let Robert Morris know they weren't going to be bullied in the paint. Rucker helped in the backcourt as well, snagging 10 rebounds and adding six points. The Bulldogs finished the game shooting 34 percent from the field.

Although the Bulldogs finished the regular season under five hundred (12-17), they are riding a two-game winning streak. The huge win against a rival will surely give them momentum going into their first ever NEC Tournament. Coming off a huge overtime victory, the Bulldogs are heading into the tournament extremely confident and optimistic about their chances. They will face a tough test in their first game, as they will head to Connecticut to play number-one-ranked Quinnipiac on March 10. The Bulldogs will look to make a remarkable run by first knocking off the powerhouse of the NEC in their first game of the postseason.

## AFC East looks up to Patriots in Free Agency

By John Como  
Assistant Sports Editor

The AFC East is bound to be one of the most competitive divisions of the year; no I'm just joking. Seriously, any fan that honestly believes there will be any competition in the AFC East would have to be declared mentally insane. Only one team will represent the East for the next five to maybe ten years and no, it will not be Rex Ryan and his flightless Jets. The Patriots will always be in the postseason regardless of how they play outside the division thanks to the three runts of the AFC East.

With that out of the way, the AFC East might actually be a hot spot for free agency this year. The Patriots are hoping to improve their defensive capabilities, the Jets have down-graded into a re-building stage, the Bills need a new defense, and Dolphins need a few more key pieces to be contenders next year. What will each team need to do for their long-termed success?

Starting with the Alpha-Dog of the group, the New England Patriots have dominated the AFC East for the majority of the last decade. While making it to the postseason is a no-brainer for the team, winning the Super Bowl has been kind of hard for this team to grasp despite their regular season performances. The team hasn't won the Lombardi Trophy in eight years and has

lost two Super Bowls in 2007 and 2012.

The Patriots have no issues with their offensive attack; even if they lose Wes Welker they still have Brady, Gronkowski, Hernandez, and a great O-Line to help support it. Instead, the team needs to improve on the defensive side of the ball. In the event Brady and the offense can't score more than twenty points, a Pats defense that can win games on their own would create a virtually unstoppable team.

Last year, the team improved their front seven and this year should improve the back four; in particular by getting a veteran at the safety position. Acquiring Ed Reed in the free agent market would destroy the other AFC East teams and make the Pats practically unbeatable. Despite their grasp on the AFC East, the Patriots should really focus on their safety.

The New York Jets don't resemble a grounded plane, but rather a sinking ship with its passengers jumping over the sides. After a horrible 6-10 season, the Jets have a new General Manager who has completely given up on the team and has removed the majority of it. Almost every familiar player from last season is gone, and the team will need to start with a fresh batch of raw talent.

The obvious quarterback problems of last season need to be addressed. If Sanchez were

to ever start again there would be riots in the streets of the Meadowlands; by the way the butt fumble is still going strong as ESPN's "Not Top Ten's Worst of the Worst" for the last 14 weeks. Aside from this, the Jets need just about everything from free agency; Shawn Green is not the answer for a starting running back. They need new offensive guards, new wide receivers, new linebackers, and new safeties. If the team trades Revis, which they will, they will need new center backs as well. The team is simply on the market for anything they can find.

The Buffalo Bills' poor 2012 season did show some promise towards a brighter future. Like the Patriots with safety trouble, the Bills are in dire need at one key position; linebacker. Last year featured what arguably was the worst team of linebackers to ever play for a defense. The Bills' linebacker crew, every single linebacker on the entire team, combined for five sacks and zero interceptions in the 2012 season. What kind of poor excuse for a defensive front is that!

Last year featured individual linebackers from multiple teams had stats that beat the entire Bills' Front Seven combined! The defense was also horrific at stopping the run so there's no reason to keep these guys around. They also need to find an answer for quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, who is the most



Patriots Tom Brady taking a pay cut will help the team to sign free agents (MCT Campus)

overpaid quarterback in the NFL. After fixing the linebackers issue, preferably by replacing every name on the list, they also need to look for a solid franchise quarterback.

Aside from the Pats, the Miami Dolphins are the most promising AFC East team for the 2013 season. While it's unlikely they will win a Super Bowl anytime soon, the team did perform admirably well last season. The new Head Coach Joe Philbin and the starting quarterback Ryan Tannehill did pretty well in their rookie years; they led a team predicted to go 3-13 to a relatively good 7-9 record in the 2012 season. In order for Tannehill to succeed he

needs more offensive weapons at his disposal; namely new wide receivers.

Brady, for example, is a great quarterback but where would he be without Welker or the Gronk at his disposal? Luckily for the Dolphins, there are many fish in the sea for the taking. There have been talks for acquiring Mike Wallace, Wes Welker, Danny Amendola and even the old veteran Greg Jennings, who played under Philbin in Green Bay. Throw in some new cornerbacks and some new Offensive Linemen to protect Tannehill, and suddenly you have a competitive team in Miami.

# Just for kicks, Silberman is first female NFL tryout

By Justin Beaucage  
Sports Editor

In sports today, there are leagues for both male and females. Whether it be basketball, soccer, or even baseball and softball, both sexes have their equal opportunities in their respective sports. However, football has always been a sport that has been stereotyped as a men-only activity. If Lauren Silberman proved anything this past weekend, it may stay that way for a while.

Last Sunday, at the New York Jet's practice facility, 28 year old Lauren Silberman made history. She became the first female ever to try out for the NFL. She was one of 37 kickers to show off their talents on the field. She wanted to not only display her talents, but to show scouts and the world that women can play this gruesome sport.

Despite being the first woman to ever tryout, after Sunday, Silberman probably won't want to be remembered in history. Whether her kicks fell short, hit the uprights, or were just wide left, there was probably one place that Silberman should have been in this tryout: left out.

A former soccer player, Silberman wanted to show off her powerful leg behind the

kicking tee. Prior to the tryout, Silberman didn't participate in any warm-up kicks because of a fear of aggravating a right quad injury. Her lack of warm-ups raised eyebrows for scouts, wondering if she was serious about her tryout. When it was her time, relentlessly, she took the field.

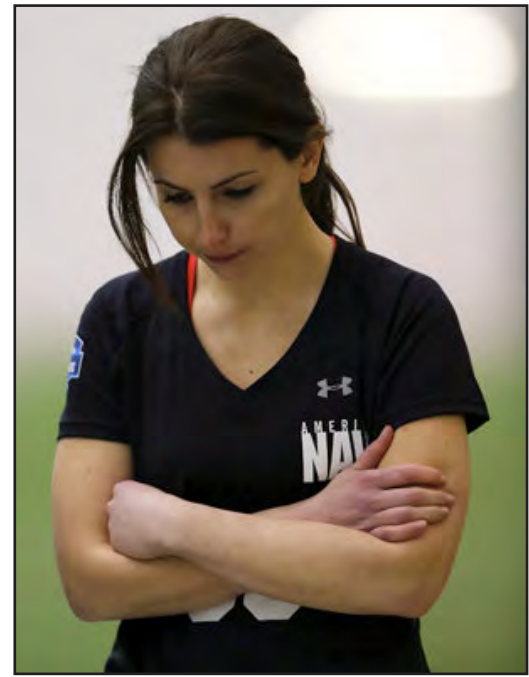
As quickly as she jogged on the field, Silberman was soon off the field. After only performing two kickoffs, she had re-aggravated her right quad, bringing her day to an abrupt end. To say that her day was disappointing would be an understatement. Silberman's two kickoffs only accumulated 32 yards total, with her first kickoff going 19 yards, followed by a 13 yard boot. She still had another kickoff and five field goals left for her tryout. After talking to NFL officials to try to let her complete her session, the two sides agreed it was in her best interest to end the tryout early.

Although Silberman is the first woman to have an NFL tryout, if signed, Silberman would not be the first female to play football at a professional or collegiate level. Kaite Hinida became the first woman to ever score points in a football game at the Division I-AA level by kicking extra points for New Mexico.

Silberman's underperformance was not only disappointing, but raises the question if her tryout was nothing but a hoax. Many NFL scouts and officials think that she wanted to make a mockery of the league, and really had no interest in playing football.

In her defense, her only experience that can be connected to football was soccer at the University of Wisconsin. Although the mechanics of kicking a football and soccer ball may be slightly similar, the sports are completely different. Kicking a penalty shot and booting a ball off a tee have their differences. Her lack of experience may have contributed to her lack of success at the Jet's facility. In addition, Silberman did pay the 275 dollar registration fee to tryout, which showed her commitment to show what she could bring to the league.

There still hasn't been a female to complete an NFL tryout. Many hope that her efforts, even if they weren't successful, will encourage more people to show NFL scouts what they got. However, even though she was the first woman to register and compete in the event, based on her performance, Silberman may be the last for a while.



Despite her disappointing performance, Lauren Silberman became the first female to tryout for the NFL (MCT Campus)

# Angels in the outfield are highlight of MLB preseason

By John Como  
Assistant Sports Editor

Angels' first baseman, Albert Pujols, and Angels' new outfielder, Josh Hamilton, finally started in their first preseason game in the same lineup last Tuesday when the Angels took on the Reds. The offseason knee surgery Pujols had last year had left the team unsure as to when he could begin to play again.

While some medical experts proclaimed he would definitely return in time for the regular season, other groups of doctors had said that the condition of the knee after the surgery could jeopardize his start as far as two weeks into the season. However, Pujols was able to return a week ahead of expectations and according to team sources his base running is the only major aspect of his game that isn't hundred percent.

As for the former Texas Ranger, Josh Hamilton also made his return the Angels' lineup for the preseason game against the Reds. The slugger had issues with soreness in his right quadriceps muscle, but is now completely healthy. This is major news to the Angels organization, who now boasts one of the best 3-4 hitter combinations in MLB history.

In the Yankees organization, nobody has been safe from the massive injury plague that seems to be haunting the Yankees this year. Even the organization's

upper management had an injury loss this week. Last Monday, Yankees' general manager Brian Cashman injured his leg during a parachute jump with the Army Golden Knights in a charity event. He will need surgery to fix his now recently reported broken right fibula/ dislocated right ankle. Aside from management, Yankees' outfielder, Ichiro Suzuki, was almost injured after being involved in a three car pile-up on Dale Mabry Highway but will not miss any extensive playing time. Starting pitcher, Phil Hughes (bulging disk), will almost definitely miss the beginning of the season and might not be ready until late May or early June at the earliest. The loser of the contest between Ivan Nova-David Phelps for the fifth rotation spot is set to replace Hughes.

Veteran pitchers Andy Pettitte and Mariano Rivera enjoyed success in their first team-game starts and finally appear to be ready to play relatively soon. Finally, Yankees' short stop, Derek Jeter, is set to play on Opening Day despite being antsy about playing in the preseason.

In Red Sox news, the longtime Red Sox fan-favorite, David Ortiz, is finally showing positive signs of returning from the right Achilles injury he suffered last year. Last Monday, the Red Sox slugger ran the bases multiple times for the first time in months and has said to have felt "pretty good". If he continues to run the bases at a good pace, then



The addition of slugger Josh Hamilton gives Angels fans World Series hopes (MCT Campus)

he should be ready to play a preseason game at any time this week. Assuming he doesn't re-injure himself, Ortiz should be ready to play the Yankees on Opening Day.

The official Red Sox odds of winning the World Series also came out on the same day with relatively good news despite coming off one of the worst seasons in team history. According to the official betting lines, the Red Sox are the 14th most-likely team to win the World Series with a 30/1 ratio and are predicted to have

approximately 82-83 wins.

Speaking of World Series odds, the MLB official odds were certainly an interesting sight. Out of nowhere, the Toronto Blue Jays are the early World Series favorites of 2013 with an amazing 7/1 ratio and are predicted to have 87-88 wins this season. The top five predictions include the Toronto Blue Jays (7/1), the Detroit Tigers (8/1), the Los Angeles Dodgers (17/2), the Washington Nationals (17/2), and the Los Angeles Angels (9/1).

This list doesn't include the Yankees, Rangers, Phillies,

or even last year's defending champion Giants as the most likely teams to win it all despite all these teams being in the top 5 last year. The Blue Jays had one of the most successful offseasons in MLB history, acquiring short stop Jose Reyes, outfielder Melky Cabrera, and pitchers Josh Johnson and R.A. Dickey. On top of these new additions, the Jays still have third baseman Jose Bautista and designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion; making this team a complete remodel last season's team. Make no mistake, this year's Blue Jays are for real.

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# Hard work pays off

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universities, except Ernesto will be playing both singles and doubles in the men's division, he will also be playing co-ed doubles too. When asked how difficult it will be to play doubles with men and women who he hasn't practiced very much with Ernesto said it wouldn't be horribly difficult because he knows the other three men and four women from Nicaragua, but it will still be challenging because they are not used to one another.

One of the most interesting parts of the games and his participation in them is that he is going to be competing against tennis players who are internationally ranked and play the game for a living. It seems unbelievable that a sophomore in college would be competing with internationally ranked tennis players.

This is truly an enormous honor for Ernesto and anyone who has ever coached him, played with him, or against him. Ernesto will be missed during the seven days he is in Costa Rica by his teammates, but Coach Ron Gendron said, "It was a no brainer to excuse him [Ernesto] from an important three match stretch because at the end of the day, what an honor to represent your country. What a great moment for a Bryant Bulldog captain. We could not be prouder of him. Go Bulldogs!"

Ernesto's former captain Dan Cournoyer '12 said, "We [teammates] are all very proud of Ernesto's accomplishment. It's something very few people have the opportunity to participate in, and there is no one more deserving than Ernesto."

Good luck in Costa Rica next week Ernesto, the Bryant Bulldog community will all be cheering for you from our various spring break locations.

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# What are you looking forward to most during **Spring Break?**



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**-Daniela Espinosa**

**"Sleep!"**  
**-Christian Ansaldi**



**"Going to Canada with friends!"**  
**-Neal Chuenprateep**



**"Relaxing and not having to do homework for a week and a half!"**  
**-Jessica Diamond**

**"Ballin' like a high roller in NYC!"**  
**-Mike Richitelli**



**"Getting to go out with no time frame."**  
**-Adam Lopez**



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## Black or green?

By Jake Durkin  
Staff Writer

When it comes to the battle between coffee and tea, most people do not know which one will do you more good. Why? Simple, there is no answer. Keeping the two at their bases-A.K.A. no additives- there are many good qualities of both.

Coffee has many notable good qualities, and if you have roughly two and half cups of it, the best result follows. Have two and a half cups of coffee and you can feel at peace knowing that while it is waking you up it is also making you 30% less likely to get type 2 diabetes, and 9% less likely (for men) to get skin cancer. Some believe that it is also a great pre workout supplement if you take it about an hour and a half before



the workout; in that case, studies show that you will be able to sprint 9% longer than you would have had you not consumed it, and it also boosts your muscle performance for lifting as well. Keep in mind though, that is with black coffee; the more additives put into coffee, the worse it

becomes.

When it comes to green tea, the helpful qualities are more than impressive. Although it only has about 95 mgs of caffeine, while waking you up a little, green tea manages to give you a boost of antioxidants, helps repair a weak immune system, prevents against prostate cancer, and can also take about an inch off of your waistline by shrinking fat cells and making muscle cells more active.



Tea can also increase mood by simply smelling it and affords you the opportunity to reduce cholesterol levels, help prevent blood clotting, and lower risks of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

So the conclusion is, based on scientists' opinion and basic logic, that the best thing to do is to have about 2-3 cups of black coffee for breakfast and then drink tea for the rest of the day. Putting the two together in such a way allows you to get a bigger boost of caffeine in the morning and also get the benefits of both. So keep the sugar, crazy amounts of cream and milk, Splenda, and other additives out, and reap the benefits of two crazy healthy drinks.

## RIPTA loses more stops and passengers

*Public transportation receives budget cuts resulting in less bus stops*

By Marta Gravier  
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We've all taken some form of public transportation at some point in our lives. Whether it was taking the yellow bus to and from school or hopping on the train to get to a city, you've been on some mode of public transportation. It always starts out fun. Then you get used to it or begin encountering people who smell like Doritos, and it all begins to spiral into the dark abyss.

I remember when I first started taking the RIPTA (Rhode Island Public Transit Authority). It was last year in February when I had to take a bus from Lincoln all the way down to Providence where my new school was. I was all excited with my monthly pass which I got through school. I admit, despite it taking nearly an hour to get to school and an hour back, I really enjoyed it. Then again this could be because when I lived in Europe, it was the best way to get anywhere. New things also have a knack for being shiny and intriguing.

Normally, just to get to my school, which is a mere half hour away, I had to go through four transports. First, I had to be dropped off at the Lincoln Mall. Then I had to take the 54 to Kennedy Plaza (in downtown Providence). Next I had to wait for the 1 to take me down Eddy Street, and lastly I walked down two blocks to arrive at my destination. It was a bit wearying.

About half the bus smells like some form of molding cheese, and there's so much waiting. The buses are usually full, meaning the buses don't have

certain routes often enough. This is due to the bus system being strained far too much. Having a bus that has to serve an entire state, even one as small as Rhode Island, nearly impossible. It's like pouring baking soda into vinegar and expecting the mixture not to explode eventually. Public transport barely has enough money to run.

It gets better. Because of recent budget cuts, twenty percent of RIPTA bus stops will be eliminated. They say this will provide better and faster service. Come on! This is not okay. I don't take the bus anymore, but honestly. One does not simply take away money from an already faltering service. No. Bad.

I would like to think there is an easy solution, but either way, public transport as it is won't last.

We could condense the RIPTA to just the city, but then there are other transportation issues. How will someone go from, say, Bryant to Providence? Then typically this is where I would start ranting on about how we should be more like Europe. We should have clusters of where people are rather than spread out haphazardly across a bunch of land.

I really do not like the public bus. Every time I take it, I try to picture Europe where the system is run efficiently. I imagine myself comfortable, not squished on a bench between suspicious humans. I like to think I'm on a mini adventure, maybe going to meet Gandalf, not heading to another stop and more waiting. All in all, either the RIPTA needs to seriously be looked into by whoever makes the budget, or just dissipate into the air.



## Tackling the latest superbug threat

*Rare superbug CRE kills seven and runs through National Institutes of Health Clinical Center*

By Sara Cosgrove and Ramanan  
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MCT Campus

This past summer in Colorado, doctors had found a rare superbug had infiltrated their hospital after the bacteria was detected in eight patients. Nearly 2,000 miles away, this superbug quickly spread through the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center, killing seven people. The bug, known as carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae, or CRE, adapts quickly, is resistant to the most potent antibiotics, and preys on the most vulnerable populations in health-care facilities.

Because CRE are resistant to most available antibiotics, they are difficult to treat, and can result in death for up to 50 percent of patients who become infected.

The Vital Signs report released Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reveals CRE is increasingly finding their way into intensive-care units and long-term health facilities in the United States. Although the numbers of infections are likely still small, this looming public health threat is one that must be decisively addressed.

Over the last decade, CDC has tracked the spread of these bugs from a single health-care facility in North Carolina in 2001 to health-care facilities in at least 42 states. A new study published in Infection

Control and Hospital Epidemiology reports a significant increase in CRE bacteria found in health-care settings like long-term care facilities and nursing homes. This trend suggests that patients are unknowingly transferring the bug between hospitals and long-term-care facilities.

We have a small window of opportunity to control this serious threat, when it is potentially manageable. Data from CDC suggest that in the first half of 2012, only about 200 hospitals and long-term acute-care hospitals have cared for patients with CRE infections, but the recent upward trend in infection rates is cause for concern.

To effectively combat superbugs like CRE, we need to confront the problem at hand that has allowed them to thrive - the overuse of antibiotics in health care. Studies have shown that one-third of antibiotics prescribed to patients in hospitals are unnecessary.

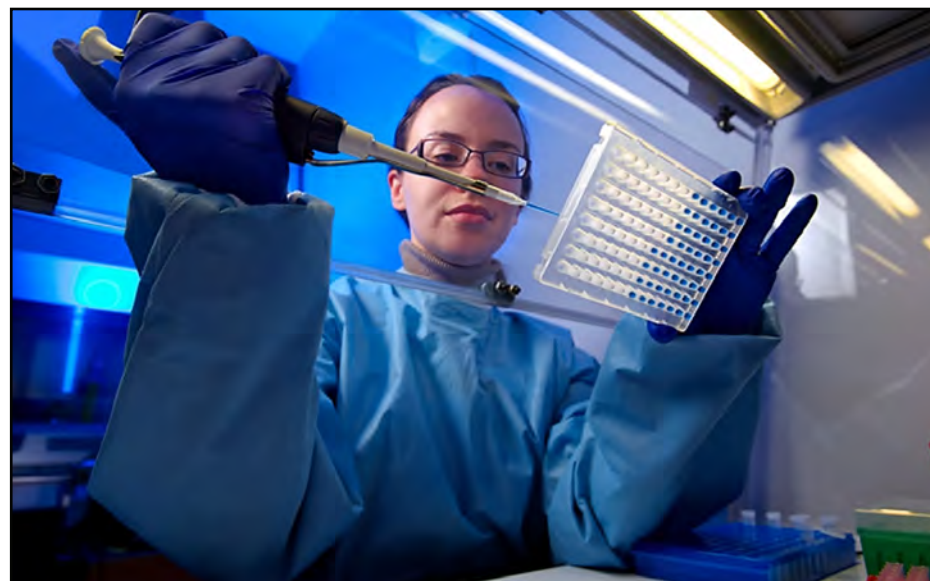
The overuse of antibiotics breeds drug-resistant infections, which negatively affects patients, hospitals and our entire health-care system. One study showed that simply giving a patient carbapenem (a strong antibiotic that can sometimes kill off healthy gut bacteria) increases the risk of contracting CRE by a factor of 15.

Improving the use of antibiotics in a hospital can actually save the hospital \$400,000 or more per year. The entire health-care system benefits when we

improve antibiotic use and decrease drug-resistance.

Health-care facilities must take a proactive approach to implement programs that improve antibiotic use. Health-care professionals should take every precaution to prevent the spread of deadly infections, including simple tasks like hand washing. Patients should feel empowered to question their doctors and nurses about whether an antibiotic prescription is necessary.

There has been much attention on the rising costs of health care. Here, we have an opportunity to invest in a proven approach that will provide rapid health benefits and cost savings to the American people. Through a coordinated effort, we can ensure the health and safety of patients by staving off the spread of antibiotic-resistant superbugs like CRE, save health-care dollars, and most important, save lives.



A scientist runs a test to detect drug-resistant pathogens at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (MCT Campus)

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# Penalty, not a plan

By Bill Galston  
No Labels Co-Founder

Whether you read it online, saw it on the news, or your professor went on a rant about it, you have likely heard that Washington has an accountability problem. Our nation's leaders -- in Congress and in the White House -- are often focused more on partisan politics than doing what's right for our country. They're focused on scoring points instead of solving problems -- and sequester is just one more example of it.



On March 1, our nation hit automatic, across-the-board spending cuts -- cuts that were never supposed to happen. So how did we get here?

In July of 2011, Republicans and Democrats were in a standoff on the debt ceiling. Democrats wanted to raise our nation's spending limit with no restrictions, and Republicans wanted to cut spending to offset raising the ceiling. It came down to the wire -- and at the last minute, President Barack Obama and Congress agreed to a deal: they would raise the debt ceiling, and create a Super Committee charged with finding \$1.5 trillion in spending cuts by December 23, 2011. But here's the catch: If the Super Committee didn't agree on the cuts, the sequester would go into effect on January 1, 2013 -- automatic, across-the-board spending cuts split between defense and nondefense discretionary spending.

At the time, the sequester seemed almost laughable. Everyone "knew" it wasn't going to happen; everyone "knew" Washington would find

another way to reduce spending. But as we came to the end of 2012, our leaders didn't have time to deal with the sequester -- so they kicked the can down the road a few more months to give themselves the opportunity to deal with it.

But here we are -- lawmakers haven't dealt with it. Leaders haven't even met to talk about the cuts. Instead, they're spending all their time blaming the other party, making sure they come out on top politically when the dust settles.

While leaders play political games, they're not looking out for the best interest of the country. They're not doing the jobs they were elected to do. In this case, they're politicians first and lawmakers second.

This isn't how our government is supposed to work. The sequester was merely created as a penalty, something for Congress and the president to keep in the back of their minds when they were coming up with a better plan. Decisions shouldn't be made like that -- they should be made by careful deliberation between our lawmakers.

That's what NoLabels.org, a grassroots movement of hundreds of thousands of Republicans, Democrats and everything in between, is calling for. No Labels is pushing lawmakers to sit down with one another, meet across the aisle, and find solutions to our country's biggest problems. We've already seen huge success with the passage of No Budget, No Pay, a bill proposed in December of 2011 that was enacted this month and will withhold pay if either chamber of Congress doesn't pass a budget on time. These are the kind of common-sense reforms our government needs -- so that the process leads to problem solving, not more penalties for the American people.

No one thought the sequester was going to happen, but it did and lawmakers are more concerned with how the cuts play out politically than what happens to the country. We need a process that works; we need a plan, not a penalty. Join the movement at NoLabels.org to stand up for problem solving, not political point scoring.

Bill Galston is a No Labels Co-Founder, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, and former policy advisor to President Clinton.

# Bryant Said What?!

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# Profit and Loss

**\$** Spring Break is one day away!

**\$** The ice on the pond has melted. Bring on the spring weather! But, really. Please.

**==** Apparently we're getting snow this weekend.

**==** I'm STILL mourning the loss of Borders book stores...because Barnes & Noble sucks.

# Career Planning 101: Vemma - a company to look out for

Take advantage of this 'course' offered at Bryant

By Autumn Harrington  
Opinion Editor

I've never been the one with extra time on my hands, but coming back for spring semester I realized I needed to start getting my life together. With this idea in mind, I soon received an email about a five session "course" called "Career Planning 101." This was my chance, as well as all of yours. This five week, once a week program offers students the opportunity to begin their search for a major, internship, or even job.

Run by the Amica Center, and Assistant Director Jennifer Edwards, students in the program were able to learn more about themselves and their own personalities just by giving up one hour of their time once a week.

After having students take a number of personality tests, Jennifer goes over the results with them and explains what each quality means. With these results, job matching becomes much simpler for students.

In addition to the personality tests, students were able to go over their Linkedins, resumes, and even employment letters. This allowed students to ask questions directly and receive an answer right away.

Resources are also provided to students taking the course that provide contact information of employers' who may be looking for interns.

It is without a doubt a fantastic program, free for students, that provides extra insight into the adult world. If you haven't taken it yet, I strongly recommend doing so. With this program, I was personally able to have a stronger resume as well as cover letter.

With no homework, and only an hour per week for five weeks, this program has provided students with job opportunities and experiences.

By Jake Durkin  
Contributing Writer

In 2004 a little company began its course from a simple creation to success story. Vemma, the "insanely healthy" energy drink and Supplement Company has blown up since its humble beginnings in 2004. Going from a 7 million dollar company to a 110 million dollar company in just a few years, Vemma has shown that it is the next big thing to hit the energy-craving world.

Finding its niche in network marketing, Vemma is taking after the famous Herbal Life sensation. Herbal life is a company that has had an extreme amount of success with a format that was based off

of network marketing through young people such as college students.

Being a 150 billion dollar industry, bigger than any other industry, network marketing is ideal for people who want to become millionaires relatively quickly; in fact, you are roughly five times more likely to become one than any other profession.

However, network marketing is a sketchy market to get into as a result of many companies in the past taking advantage of the system and creating pyramid schemes. To clear the air- Vemma is absolutely not a pyramid scheme, however, it has a pyramid structure to it. Each person who buys into the company is basically given a small business to run themselves, and they sell product or get people involved in the company.

Building residual income through dependable customers, Vemma reps can make money from simply telling someone about the product, that is if they buy it. Having Verve, touted as the healthiest energy drink in the world, Vemma, the daily vitamin and nutrince supplement, and Bod e, the workout and transformation section of business, Vemma has spread to different markets and is making a killing.

As a point to legitimize the fact that it is not a pyramid scheme: Verve is now the official drink of the Pheonix Suns after a tiresome investigation of the business's structure to clear up the pyramid scheme claims. This is the next big thing to hit the east coast, now that it has already blown up on the west coast. Don't be surprised if you start to see it around a lot.



Verve, Vemma's healthy energy drink. (MCT Campus)

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## The Hobbit: an unexpected disappointment

By AJ Beltis  
Staff Writer

Peter Jackson set Academy Award and box office records with his Lord of the Rings trilogy, which went on to be considered three of the greatest films ever made. The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey was released nine years after the original series ended, with Jackson, as well as several other members of the cast and crew, returning. Unfortunately, the few familiar names and faces were about the only things notable that returned to theaters in the realm of Middle Earth.

An Unexpected Journey takes place decades before The Fellowship of the Ring, and follows the first part of Bilbo Baggins' "There and Back Again" story. The Wizard Gandalf the Grey, accompanied by twelve dwarves, invites Bilbo to accompany him and his companions on their journey to reclaim the dwarves' homeland, which is occupied by the seemingly unconquerable dragon Smaug.

The first entry in this new trilogy begins with a background story of the taking of the dwarf kingdom, then flashes forward to Bilbo and Frodo (played by their original portrayers in Fellowship) on the day of Bilbo's birthday party. Bilbo's decision to write about his tale prompts a flashback to his journey. This entry of the soon-to-be trilogy spans from Gandalf's arrival in the Shire to shortly after Bilbo meets Gollum and acquires The Ring, with close calls with trolls, a visit to Rivendell, and run ins with orcs and goblins in between.

**'With a 165-minute runtime, I would have thought that Jackson would have been able to use his time more effectively.'**

This was undoubtedly a good movie. The standout performance by Richard Armitage, who portrayed the leader of the dwarves, Thorin Oakinshield. The battle of wits between Gollum and Bilbo in the depths of a cave was incredibly tense and well done. The movie had good (not great) action. Ultimately, all I can say about this movie is that it is good, and I would recommend it, but there were serious detractors.

The Hobbit is a different story from Lord of the Rings, which was the reason why Jackson was initially hesitant to return to Middle Earth. Despite this, the film relied too heavily on its references to last decade's trilogy, such as the inclusion of Elijah Wood and Ian Holmes as Frodo and older Bilbo. We also saw the return of Christopher Lee as Saruman and Cate Blanchett as Galadriel, neither of which appear in the novel. If Jackson wanted to make it clear that these were different stories, why include these characters? As a fan of the original trilogy, I was happy to see them again, but their presence weakened making this



Bilbo hosts a dozen dwarves in his hobbit hole, so naturally, food is eaten and space is limited. (MCT Campus)

a stand-alone movie and the start of a new franchise.

One area of the film never explored was the character development of the twelve dwarves. They were on the screen for the majority of the film, but we never got to know each one as an individual. In Fellowship, everyone in the fellowship was distinct and had an ample amount of development. In Unexpected Journey, even after two hours of exposure, I couldn't tell you the names of at least eight of the twelve dwarves. In Fellowship, when Gandalf fell, my heart fell, and still does everytime I watch the "you shall not pass" scene. When Boromir passes away after a heartfelt goodbye to Aragorn, we as an audience could feel the loss. In this movie, we didn't feel. Maybe we will over the next six or so hours that we get to see of these dwarves over the next two installments in the series.

Another regrettable mistake was the employment of comic relief. Frankly, it didn't work. In the original trilogy, we would get comic relief from specific characters (Merry and Pippin, Legolas and Gimli). In this movie, it was just interjected at the most obscure moments, at almost any point, from almost any character. The original movies were so well made that I could both feel heartbreak and laugh at a joke. I couldn't do both in this movie.

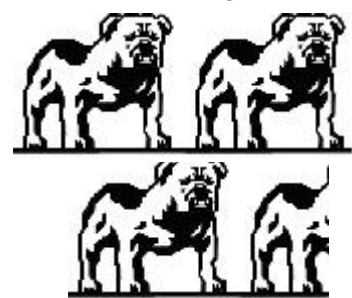
Finally, and the most disappointing of disappointments, was the use of special effects. Not only were the special effects in this movie worse than those of the original eleven years ago, they were used more frequently in this movie. Whereas the orcs and goblins were actors in makeup in the originals, they were products of special effects in this entry. This made the film look worse visually, and it took away some of the realism in an otherwise magical world. This, combined with poor cinematography, made the fight scenes a

jumble of figures swinging swords in the dark.

With a 165-minute runtime, I would have thought that Jackson would have been able to use his time more effectively. Instead he dragged on the story, making me wonder how he'll be able to fill in these next two movies. There better be a lot more solid, purposeful dialogue and better, more clear action scenes. Jackson has proven himself to be a great filmmaker, and I have faith he can improve on this entry with the next two. But dragging out one novel to about nine hours of film content is a tough task for any filmmaker, and so far, Jackson is only doing just above par.

Although the majority of this review has been nitpicking at the movie, I must emphasize that it is a good movie – but just that – a good movie. Not great, not spectacular, not life changing, just good. Those of you eager to return to Middle Earth will be satisfied, but only just. There's a reason this movie hasn't garnered Oscar buzz or been named a contender for Best Picture, and that's because unlike its predecessors, this journey to Middle Earth fails to deliver its full potential.

This movie received 3.5 out of 5  
Bulldogs



## The Poetry Corner

By Sarah Rudkin  
Variety Editor

"Acid"

In the cabin,  
Phone the Guitar King  
And let his music bring you to sleep.  
Lost in the blue black reality,  
Use your camera for light  
And immortalize the world.  
Try to make acid with the tears you've seen  
And the sweat of the pirates trying to make an  
honest living.  
But wait, rationalize, and  
Breathe.  
Maybe that's just the drugs  
Exposing your brain to the misconceptions  
Of who you think you are.  
Breathe. Rethink. Rebuild.

The sonnet depicts a dream/drug induced trip and the images the speaker sees and experiences. The first three lines describe a calm setting, like the start of a trip or dream. Things start to get weird as time progresses. The words "blue black" describe the reality set up for a darker image, and the speaker does not yet realize it is a dream or trip yet.

I used a camera because people of my generation seem to never leave the house without one, and they have a flash that can be used for light. The speaker uses the light to literally find their way in the darkness of the blue black reality. The speaker not only uses the camera for light, but to capture moments. A photo captures a fleeting moment in time, and it becomes immortal; it never changes or ages.

While the speaker is on their journey to find their way or simply wandering, they see the tears that have been caused by the blue black reality. I used the line of "pirates trying to make an honest living" to add humor and a contradiction. Olden day and modern day pirates typically make their living by stealing and cheating, they do not make an honest living. This is where the speaker realizes that something is wrong, and this is where the dream/trip begins to wear off.

What the speaker encountered is misconceptions of their life. The speaker assumes himself or herself to be fine, but their dream/trip reveals that they are lost in a foreboding world and they are full of contradictions so they must change.

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# Styleaholic: on fashion extremes

By Lauren Kordalski  
Columnist



Lady Gaga's meat dress and Lizzy Gardiner's credit card dress (MCT Campus)

You're walking down the street. You see a man walking his dog, a woman talking on the phone, a child bouncing a ball, and a clown holding a monkey—which one holds your attention the longest? Chances are your answer is the clown with the monkey. This scenario demonstrates that, due to human nature, our eye is immediately drawn to that which is strange or out of place. Now, picture any given high fashion runway show. What comes to mind? Wacky, unique, out-of-this-world designs which have you questioning the designer's sanity. The answer as to why on earth a designer would send a model strutting down the runway in a see-through dress seemingly made out of shower curtain rings lies in why you would look longer at the clown. We pay more attention to the unusual.

and gravity-defying hair, Gaga never disappoints...unless you're PETA, that is. Who could forget Gaga's questionable "meat dress," which has become famous in its own right, with its own Wikipedia page and spot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Made out of raw flank steak, Gaga donned this one-of-a-kind ensemble at the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards. Coming from the designer's family butcher, this authentic dress caused animal rights groups across the globe to erupt in displeasure, yet it also earned Gaga the spot of "Top Fashion Statement" in 2010, as named by Time magazine.

Many other daring celebrities have worn similar outfits though none have topped Gaga's legendary meat dress. The Oscars have seen their fair share of surprising ensembles, including Lizzy

***'From her sky-high heels to her revealing body suits and gravity-defying hair, Gaga never disappoints... unless you're PETA, that is'***

Runway shows seem to be getting more and more bizarre as the years pass, with designers one-upping each other when it comes to the outrageous. Take The Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Madrid 2012 as an example. This runway show alone was home to a wedding-cake shaped dress, a bubble skirt seemingly made of uncooked spaghetti, and a hat resembling more of a potted plant. These outfits, created by varying designers, are clearly not meant to be worn off the runway, but rather to grab the attention of the viewer, create buzz, and generate attention for the particular brand. Some celebrities have expanded this idea by transforming their wardrobe to showcase only the outfits which will make them, whether good or bad, the talk of fashion.

Before sweeping the music scene with "Poker Face," Lady Gaga was Stefani Germanotta, just another appropriately-dressed college student. Fast forward four years, and Lady Gaga's insane outfits have become the epitome of extreme fashion, as her persona has been created through her outrageous fashion risks. Always keeping her audience guessing, Gaga is more often than not, photographed in shocking outfits most of us would never dream of wearing. From her sky-high heels to her revealing body suits

Gardiner's dress made completely out of American Express Gold cards, Bjork's swan costume, and Cher's midriff bearing ensemble, topped with an elaborate, distracting headdress. Wild outfits aren't exclusive to the Oscars, though. The MTV Music Awards have had their fair share of the outrageous, including Lil Kim's off the shoulder purple jumpsuit featuring an almost-exposed breast, covered by a small pastie, and Rose McGowan's completely see-through dress which bordered on nudity. The objective of these celebrities, including Lady Gaga, is the same as the fashion designers; whether the outfit is well-received or not, as long as people are talking, the goal has been accomplished.

Attention-seeking celebrities and designers will surely continue the legacy of extreme fashion in the decades to come, as they have in the past. With the world of fashion always expanding to include new ideas and designs, it's safe to say they'll continue to shock audiences with their creativity. The mutually beneficial nature of the outrageous outfits, in that they please the viewer and draw wanted attention to the wearer, ensures the tradition of unusual ensembles will continue.

# Folk Yeah! - a modern festival

By Casey Mackisey  
Contributing Writer

For the first time in the history of the Newport Folk Festival, a third day of performances has been added to the concert schedule which runs from July 26-28. This announcement follows one of the most successful years in Folk Fest history, one in which tickets sold out months before the festival even took place. This is no surprise to most, considering the half day of performances that took place the evening before the official two days of music last year. Promoters were testing the waters, so to speak, to ensure that there was enough interest in a third day of performances. Wilco's

***'Because the "folk" music distinction is so vague and ubiquitously applied to all of its offshoots, the festival can field a greater range of artist than its counterpart the Newport Jazz Festival'***

sold out Friday performance apparently convinced backers of the festival that their worries were for naught and that festival goers would embrace the addition with open arms and open wallets. That the festival has reached a level of national prominence that allows it to tack on a third day of performances is astounding considering that a floundering Folk Fest had not even been held for a stretch of years in the seventies.

Part of this success can be attributed to the varied pool of artists that the festival draws from. Often referenced in modern music channels is the Dylan Electric Controversy. Folk pioneer and darling of folk purists, Bob Dylan, shocked fans and critics alike with a performance at the festival in 1965 backed by members from the electric Paul Butterfield Blues Band. The band ripped through fast paced songs that showcased electric guitar, bass, and keyboards. After two years of performances utilizing only an acoustic guitar and various harmonicas, fan response was mixed. A common myth is that Dylan was in fact booed off the stage, though this could have easily been the fault of poor audio quality, an unusually short set, or any number of things. It is also possible that the normal roar of the crowd was misinterpreted as accusatory because of a few loud hecklers. Regardless, the event started an electric revolution in the folk music world, a revolution that would eventually benefit the Folk Festival.

Because the "folk" music distinction is so vague and ubiquitously applied to all of its offshoots, the festival can field a greater range of artists than its counterpart (and predecessor) the Newport Jazz Festival. The electric folk music that Dylan premiered at the festival in 1965 warped and evolved producing many genres and subgenres that all have a home in Fort Adams State Park where the festival is held yearly. Promoters' wise decisions to make efforts towards becoming more fiscally sound and towards the acceptance of the many different variations of music bearing the folk moniker helped the festival through a period of uncertainty in the seventies and helped launch the festival to a premier place in the American festival scene.

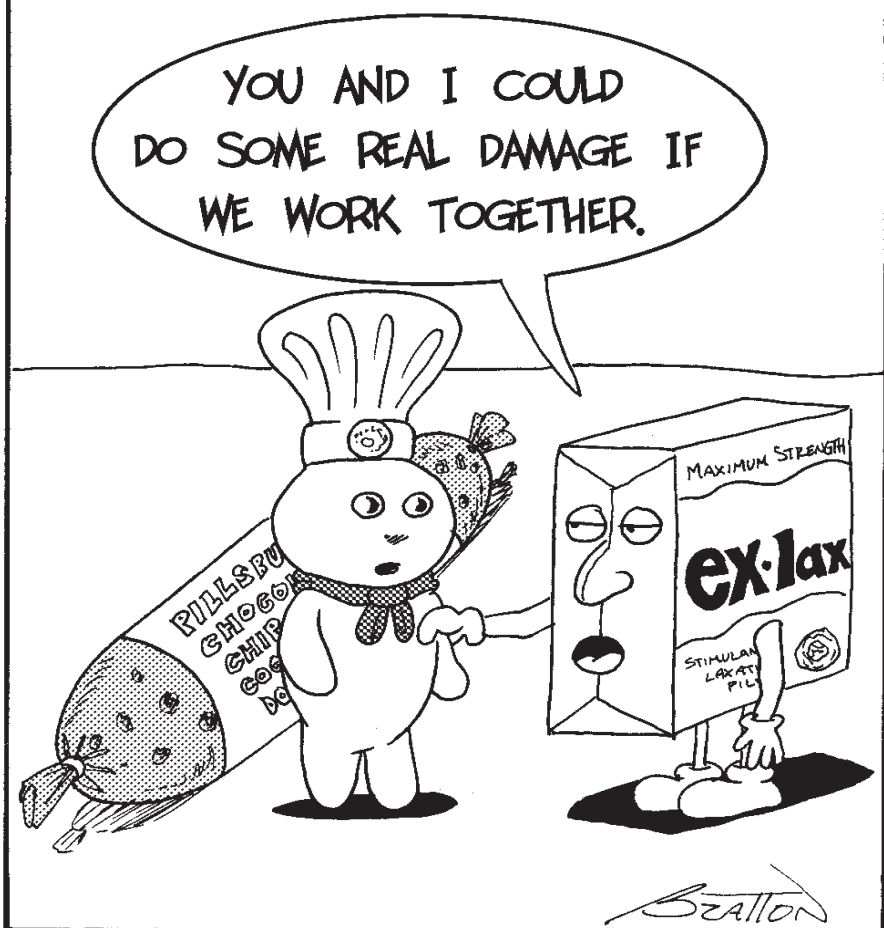
Last year's festival is a perfect example of this dedication towards variety. Traditional acts like Joel Rafael and the Sleepy Man Banjo Boys played alongside young bluesman Gary Clark Jr. and tested soul singer Charles Bradley. Modern indie acts like My Morning Jacket, The Tallest Man on Earth, First Aid Kit, and The Head and the Heart appeared along with Americana bands Punch Brothers, Trampled by Turtles, and Dawes. Woodstock veteran Arlo Guthrie shared the stage with local favorites Deer Tick and Brown Bird, and even the oddball group tUnE-yArDs. A well-received act of 2012 was the famous Preservation Hall Jazz Band that appeared recently at Bryant University and three days later alongside Grammy winners the Black Keys on primetime television. Headliner Jackson Browne proved representative of the festival as a whole, lending his guitar and vocals to acts from every level of popularity at the festival, even appearing memorably on stage with The Rage Against the Machine guitarist, touring as his folky alter-ego The Nightwatchman.

The diversity of the acts present is augmented by a comfortable concert experience in beautiful Fort Adams State Park. There are various places for children to relax and play, and a small number of stages that prevent the muddling of schedules that becomes problematic at larger festivals like Coachella and Lollapalooza. This winning combination is so successful that tickets for this year's festival have already all but sold out much to the dismay of one particularly disgruntled Archway contributor who may or may not have jumped on stage to sing a song with Tom Morello during last year's festivities. This is impressive mostly because only fifteen or so artists have been announced thus far (including Andrew Bird and The Lumineers). This success is no fluke, in a music world that continues to diversify and expand, the Newport Folk Festival is well prepared to sort through the influx of new artists and subgenres in order to continually create a one of a kind festival experience in front of a sellout crowd.



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